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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

22 June 27, 2017

LORI GLASGOW  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY SERVICES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18  
UNINCORPORATED COUNTY COMMUNITIES  
OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve funding for the continuation of public transit services through the Antelope Valley Transit Authority for the residents of the unincorporated County communities of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation of public transit services for the residents of the unincorporated County communities of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2017-18 at an estimated cost of \$900,000.
3. Approve prepayment to the Antelope Valley Transit Authority of the County's share of the cost for the transit services on a quarterly basis.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to provide for the continuation of public transit services, including fixed-route, commuter, and dial-a-ride services for residents of the unincorporated County communities of the Antelope Valley for Fiscal Year 2017-18.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities and Objective II.2.4, Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles. The recommended actions will allow the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) to provide transit services for members of the public to access educational, recreational, shopping, medical, and business opportunities.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the AVTA services is estimated to be \$68,900,000 for Fiscal Year 2017-18. The County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services is estimated to be \$13,780,000. The AVTA will be pursuing funding assistance for these services, such as various Federal Transit Administration, State, Proposition A Discretionary fund, and Proposition A Incentive grants. Any grant funds received by AVTA will help offset the County's share of the cost. Therefore, the County's jurisdictional share of the cost for these services in Fiscal Year 2017-18, less grants and farebox revenue, is estimated to be \$900,000. The necessary funds for the County's share of these services are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program and included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

On February 25, 1992, the Board authorized the Director of Public Works to arrange for a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) between the County, the City of Lancaster, and the City of Palmdale creating an agency to be known as the AVTA to provide for planning, contracting, and operating public transit services in the Antelope Valley. The JEPA was established on April 1, 1992. The operation and financing of the AVTA will continue to be governed under the auspices of the JEPA.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the institution or increase of passenger or commuter transit services.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for continuation of the current services and maintains the mobility of unincorporated County residents in the Antelope Valley.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

6/6/2017

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office